(c) and (d) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages that by 1995 all children will be provided free and compulsory education upto 14 years of age. The NPE gives high priority to promotion of women's education.

In most of the States, education is free upto class 12 for girls. Further, many States are also providing incentives such as uniform, free supply of textbooks etc.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Houses by DDA to Ex-MPs

4351. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is pending with the Government regarding allotment of houses to the Ex-MPs by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot residential accommodation to all the Ex-MPs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when such Ex-MPs are likely to be allotted accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination.

Indian Students Getting Higher Education Abroad

4352. SHRI VISWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian students receiving higher education abroad at present; and

(b) the number of students getting scholarship from the respective Governments abroad and number of students getting scholarship from the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the latest available statistical data collected by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, 3489 Indian students went abroad during 1986-87. No statistics regarding the total number of students, who are receiving higher education abroad at any point of time are available. 499 Indian students nominated by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission are currently pursuing their studies abroad, out of which 418 students are getting scholarships from the respective donor countries under bilateral or multilateral programmes administered by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission, and 81 students are getting scholarships from Government of India (Department of Education). Additional Information is being collected from the Ministry of Welfare and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Aids Through Blood Transfusion

4353. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Two kids contact AIDS through blood transfusion" appearing in Indian Express dated July 28, 1991;

(b) whether the two boys were found free of AIDS viruses before their admission in the Medical College Hospital Rohtak;

(c) the sources from which the blood was acquired before transfusion; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the blood is examined